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Inferno at Scrap Hub

3 am blaze destroys 12 godowns at Old Kesare

The scrap shops destroyed in the early morning fire at Old Kesare in Mysuru.

A scene after the fire was extinguished at the scrap hub this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&BCT)- A massive fire broke out in the wee hours of today, destroying over 12 godowns in city. Luckily, no loss of life has been reported.

The blaze erupted around 3 am in a warehouse storing copper wires at Old Kesare on the Outer Ring Road near the Varuna Canal aqueduct passing above Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway.

The flames quickly spread to neighbouring structures, engulfing over a dozen godowns, most of which contained old and discarded materials. Among the structures destroyed were units involved in producing plywood, sofas and other goods.

The inferno is estimated to have caused losses running into several lakhs of rupees, though the exact extent of the damage will be known only after a detailed assessment.

(See INFERNO on page 6)

Demand survey for housing sites

2,000-acre township planned at Bommenahalli in Yelwal hobli

K.R. Rakshith

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), which has begun the process of developing a major township housing project near Bommenahalli in Yelwal hobli of Mysuru taluk, covering nearly 2,000 acres, will soon conduct a demand survey to assess buying trends for the proposed township.

The project will be implemented under a 50:50 farmer participation model, in which landowners who part with their land will receive 50 percent of developed plots without making any financial investment.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith said the demand survey would help identify genuine beneficiaries and provide a clear picture of the demand for houses in MDA layouts with all basic amenities.

Survey with approximate rates, site dimensions

"We will call for the survey in a week for Phase-I of the Bommenahalli Township. Sites of different dimensions, such as 20x30, 30x40, 50x80 and 80x120 ft will be categorised separately and the potential demand assessed," he said.

Rakshith added that the approximate rate of each site in MDA's share of the developed sites would be worked out and made public to gauge demand.

"The MDA Board, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, has already approved Bommenahalli Township and a formal proposal for Phase-I will be sent to the Government," he said.

The township will cover land in four villages of Yelwal hobli: Nagawala (429.13 acres from 366 landowners), Bommenahalli (766.33 acres from 523 landowners), Doddamaragowdanahalli (336.38 acres from 139 landowners) and Kammarahalli (538.20 acres from 496 landowners).

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STAR OF MYSORE

SPECIAL ISSUE

Star of Mysore is completing **48** years of service on **16th February (Monday) 2026** and entering **49th** year of publication. As in the past, this year too we will be publishing a Special Issue.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 9th February 2026

Training programme for farmers on avocado cultivation

Mysuru, Feb. 9- College of Horticulture, Yelwal, Mysuru, has organised a one-day training programme for farmers on 'Recent Advances in Production Technologies of Avocado Cultivation' at its premises on Feb. 13 at 10 am.

The programme will feature experienced avocado growers, scientists and processors/ traders as resource persons, who will share practical knowledge and innovative technologies in avocado cultivation and management.

For details, contact Dr. C.N. Hanchinamani, Dean, College of Horticulture, Yelachahalli, Yelwal, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2970413 or 2973414 or Mob: 94498-72870.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CALMNESS CAN COUNTER UNHEALTHY COMPETITION

I confess, I'm a self-styled fitness fiend, for whom several stretches of daily sprints are almost sacrosanct. During this specific sport of mine, often I see a strange sight. While some co-sprinters/ strollers smilingly applaud me by sticking their thumbs skywards, there are those speed-walkers, suddenly getting into spurts of racing mode, struggling to outstrip me. But, sooner or later, they slacken their speed when their stamina saps off. Then, moments after, as I move closer, with mammoth efforts, they, yet again, maliciously embark on their mission to outpace me. (This mean act is particularly common among men, I find).

To be honest, I too had succumbed to this silly 'second to none' attitude and had tried surpassing them with swifter strides. But later, I began understanding the undeniable fact: I was getting unduly unsettled by this unhealthy spirit. Evidently, the supposedly exhilarating activity of 'physical exercise' had eventually turned into an exhausting expedition, extinguishing the very essence of 'it'. I was so overwhelmed by the odious competition; I had become oblivious to the sheer joy offered by the nature around. Yes, after this new awakening I once again began admiring abundant foliage, alluring multi-hued flowers, assorted bird chirps, aurally soothing rustles of tree branches, et al. From being a self-critic, admonishing myself for my senseless attitude, I segued into being a self-competitor — striving to sincerely better myself in sundry ways. Strangely, by that, I suddenly started sensing surplus peace surging within. And, with my peace horizon going higher, I found hundreds of things, hiking up my happiness quotient!

Truly, once we are cocooned in a cosy and content zone, we become blissfully oblivious to toxic contenders. Even if we do take note, we just commiserate with them. Since, you surely know, those who are desperate to surge ahead of you — sometimes, even adopting unscrupulous strategies — are the same ones who are straggling behind you. Just as the persons who want to pull you down are those who are below you.

Finally, while flipping through a famed book, I had found these fabulous lines — "The finest way to fluster your foes is by forgiving them!" As nothing agitates them as much as your attitude of absolutely "not getting agitated" about anything they do/say.

— Meera Seshadri in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pigeons turned into bio-drones

Moscow: Russian neurotechnology company Neiry claims to have successfully turned pigeons into bio-drones using implanted brain interfaces.

Neiry claims to have developed brain implants that allow its staff to remotely control the birds, effectively turning them into bio-drones. Small electrodes are inserted into the bird's brain through its skull and connected to a stimulator mounted on its head. The birds are also equipped with a solar backpack that houses a controller and other electronics, as well as a chest-mounted camera for surveillance purposes.

In a press release, Neiry explained that the controller receives a pre-loaded flight task similar to those used in aerial drones, while the stimulator sends impulses that make the birds turn left or right, with positioning provided by GPS and other navigation methods.

Camouflage suits become laughing stock

Kyiv: The Ukrainian military recently released photos and videos showcasing one of Russia's most recent attempts at breaking Ukraine's defenses – quirky camouflage costumes designed to make the wearer harder to detect against the white backdrop of the snow-covered battlefield. Only they don't seem to be working very well. If anything, they only make the wearer easier to spot.

Clips of Russian soldiers wearing white thermal ponchos that, at first glance, make them look like giant penguins have been doing the rounds on social media, inspiring all sorts of hilarious comments. The bulky camouflage comes complete with beak-like hoods designed to complete the giant penguin look, even though penguins are not native to Ukraine.

HEALTH CAPSULE

By Dr. Satheesh Rao A K - Senior Consultant – Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Dr. S.N. Mothi honoured with Social Achievement Award

Dr. S.N. Mothi (centre), Chairman, Asha Kirana Charitable Trust Hospital & Research Centre, Mysuru, being honoured with IAP Social Achievement Award at PEDICON-2026 held at Kolkata recently in recognition of his exemplary social service and significant contribution towards child health, community welfare, paediatric advocacy, reflecting deep commitment to the ideals and mission of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP).

WATER LEVEL

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REALLY...?

- *The Aye-Aye is an unusual lemur species that's native to the biodiverse island of Madagascar. The world's largest nocturnal primate has large bat-like ears, a possum-like face, rodent-like teeth, long fingers and staring eyes.*
- *Glass frogs get their name from their translucent skin — it's possible to see through the amphibians' abdomens to their hearts and intestines. With vibrant green skin on their backs, this see-through ability makes it even easier for the frogs to camouflage themselves against the specific hues of forest plants, better to avoid being munched.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Grandma: *Bob, how do you like your new school?*

Little Bob: *Well, only sometimes, grandma...*

Grandma: *And what times are those?*

Little Bob: *When it is shut!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 90.56**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 123.26**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 24.65**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 107.10**

VOICE OF THE READER

Chamundi Hill is on the brink of disaster

Sir,

This is regarding a series of reports in *Star of Mysore* about the pathetic condition of the fragile Chamundi Hill.

The Hill, the pride and identity of Mysuru, is on the brink of disaster due to excessive urbanisation and unscientific construction. Unfortunately, the Government continues to ignore the urgent warnings issued by environmentalists and experts.

Illegal constructions in the sensitive zones of the Hill have triggered severe ecological imbalance, creating a high risk of landslides.

Despite repeated warnings from geologists and conservationists, their technical advice to save the Hill has been ignored and left confined to paper.

What worsens the situation is the lack of political will, as a system driven by personal gain and commission rather than public interest continues to pave the way for a major natural disaster.

This plunder in the name of development is not just a threat to the natural beauty of Chamundi Hill, but a direct danger to the safety of all of Mysuru.

The Government should immediately declare Chamundi Hill a 'Sensitive Zone' based on expert reports. It must crack down on illegal constructions.

Politicians should stop focusing on vote banks and profits and show the responsibility required to preserve this heritage for future generations

To clear this dark cloud hanging over Chamundi Hill, it is not enough for activists alone to fight. Every citizen of Mysuru must raise their voice.

—R. Gopinath

Mysuru 8.2.2026

Star Pups

ADOPT US...

Bhola *Bingo* *Bubbles*

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (KS) - Three Indian *desi* pups (two male and one female) named Bhola, Bingo and Bubbles, all two months old, which were rescued, de-wormed and vaccinated, are up for adoption at People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru.

All the three puppies are healthy, playful and ready to be adopted. PFA has urged the public to adopt the puppies and consider adoption as a way to address the growing crisis of abandoned and homeless dogs.

For details, contact PFA on Ph: 0821-2598213 or Mob: 98456-54429 or e-mail: *pfamysore@gmail.com*

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CII's symposium on inspiring women

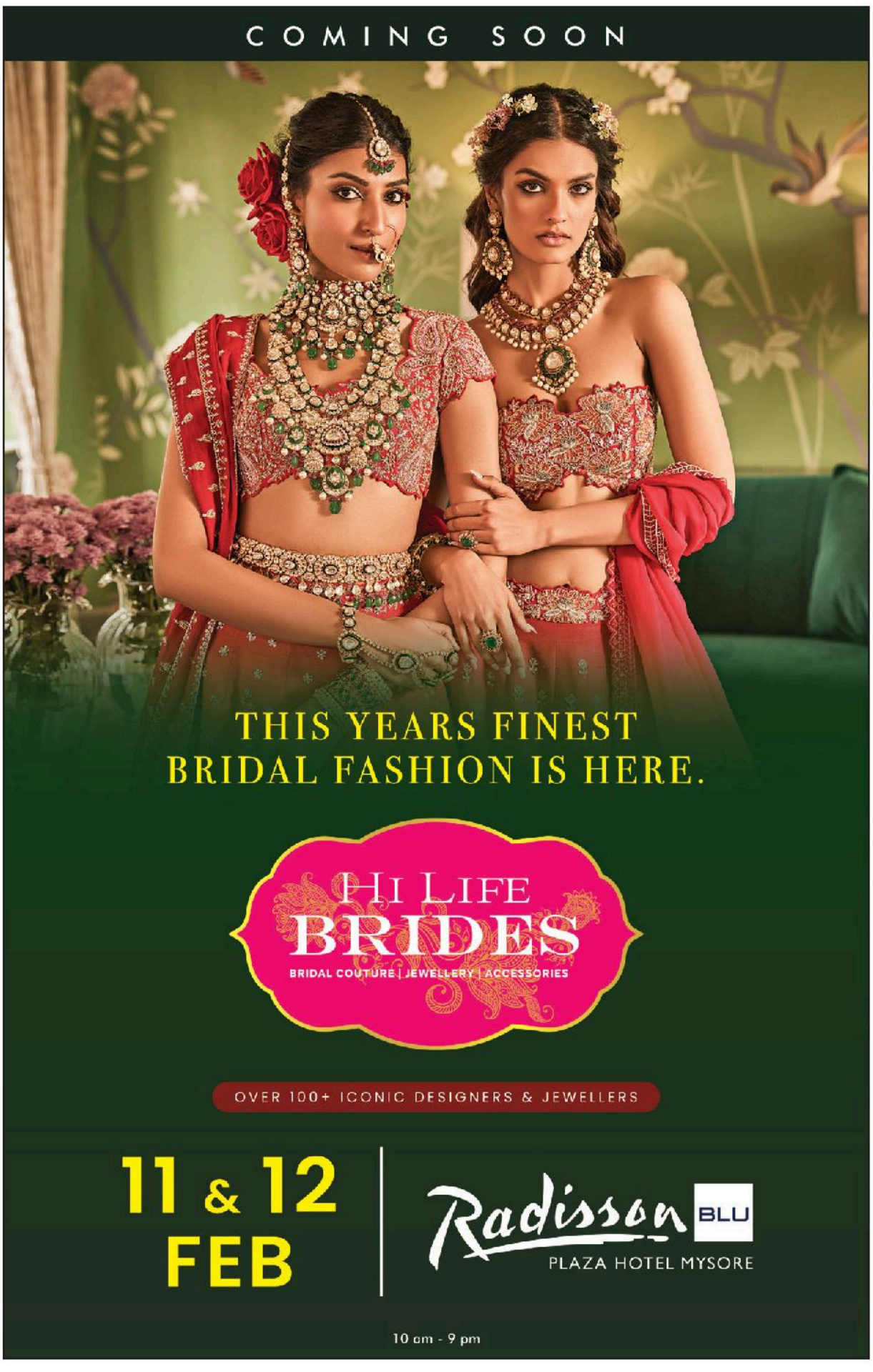
Mysuru, Feb. 9- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, is organising a symposium on 'Inspiring women to live fulfilling lives-2026' on Feb. 13.

Themed "A Holistic Well-being Symposium," it is designed as a high-impact platform to inspire and equip women to lead fulfilling lives, personally and professionally, through practical, experience-led perspectives on well-being, workplace inclusion and sustainable leadership, with SDM Institute for Management Development as the Knowledge Partner.

A special focus will be on women returning to work after a career break, with sessions and takeaways that address confidence-building, readiness and reintegration support. It will also serve as a purposeful platform, with the intent to connect eligible returning professionals with organisations seeking talent.

The distinguished speakers and panellists include Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Chairperson, Bherunda Foundation; Prarthana Kaul, Co-Founder & Director, GiftAbled; Savitha Mallappa, Convenor, CII Mysuru CSR & DEI Panel & Chief Executive Officer, rProcess Outsourcing Services; Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone & President & Director, Automotive Axles; Kavitha Rao, Senior Manager, Finance, Infosys; Roopa Venkatesh, Chartered Accountant & Founder, T8 International; Sangeetha Chengappa, former Senior Deputy Director, The Hindu Business Line; Dr. Arti Behl, Psychiatrist, Apollo BGS Hospital; Dr. Poornima K. Murthy, Director & Chief Consultant, Prajna Kuteera; Dr. Madhura Pathak, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Motherhood Hospital; Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi, Department of Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry, JSS Dental College and Hospital; Dr. Shilpa Jnanesh, Director - People, Culture & Communication, rProcess Outsourcing Services; Rashmi Shankar, Senior Manager - HR Organisation Development & Effectiveness, L&T Technology Service; Dr. Neetu Ganapathy, Professor, Business Communication & Information Systems, SDM-IMD and Preet Kushalappa Kodira, Co-Convenor, CII Mysuru CSR & Women Panel & Associate Vice President - HRD, Infosys.

For registration, contact Vivek Bharadwaj on Mob: 85533-95747 or e-mail: *vivek.b@cii.in*



NEWS BRIEFS

Kayaka Sharanara Jayanti on Feb. 10

The District Administration, in association with Kannada and Culture Department and MCC, will be celebrating Kayaka Sharanara Jayanti at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises here at 11.30 am on Feb. 10. City's Urilinga Peddimutt Seer Jnanaprakash Swamiji and Ashokapuram's Adi Karnataka/ Chalavadi Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Dr. Gnana Swaroopananda Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Public meeting on budget

A public consultation meeting has been organised in connection with the preparation of Nanjangud City Municipal Council's (CMC) budget for the year 2026-27 on Feb. 16 at 11 am. The meeting, which will be chaired by Deputy Commissioner and CMC Administrative Officer will be held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Nanjangud. Registered local organisations, NGOs, commercial and industrial associations and representatives of other organisations may participate. In a press release, the CMC Commissioner has appealed participants to offer suitable suggestions for the development of Nanjangud town and also about resource mobilisation.

Ph.D awardees

Shruthi has been awarded Ph.D

in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Mysuru Wadiyara Kalada Shasanagala Samskruthika Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.G. Manjunatha.

Mohammed Kaleem Ullah has been awarded Ph.D in Life Sciences by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, for his thesis 'From Microbes to Genes: Decoding COPD Complexity for Enhanced Diagnosis and Intervention' [Guide: Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath]

C. Vasanthakumari has been awarded Ph.D in Education by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, for her thesis 'Impact of Multimedia Approach on the Development of Scientific Attitude and Achievement in Science among Secondary School Students.' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.N. Vishwanath.

Gangothri campus riddled with woes

A toilet at Manasagangothri campus in an abandoned state. Picture right shows the Round Canteen, which was once a popular joint in Gangothri campus, now in disuse.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (VVH&BS)- Manasagangothri, the Post Graduate (PG) campus of the University of Mysore (UoM), is replete with grievances, with students forced to bear the brunt.

From pure drinking water facility to toilets, better roads to street lamps, the student community is bereft of many basic infrastructural facilities.

The public toilet built for the benefit of students at several places within the campus remains inaccessible, as it awaits official inauguration, even after two years of completing the works. The door of the toilet is locked and the surroundings of the building is occupied by weeds and shrubs, making it difficult even to take a walk.

The round canteen, which was once a popular joint in Gangothri campus, now resembles an abandoned building. The canteen was closed during the COVID-19 pandemic and remains locked since then.

The premises now wears a deserted look, with the waste accumulating since then. It has turned into an eyesore, with neither of the authorities taking any steps to keep the premises clean.

Nataraj, a Syndicate Member of University of Mysore, told *Star of Mysore*, ironically the Gangothri campus is declared as Plastic Free Zone, but the decrepit condition of the Round Canteen and its surroundings, explains the sorry state of affairs.

Three Public Toilets have been built on the campus, but remains unused. If the toilets are built and no revenue is generated from the same, the Varsity has to incur the loss, he added, adducing at how works are planned and bills are raised, spending unnecessarily beyond the estimated cost.

Hit-and-run: Woman killed as crane hits scooter

Savitha

Nanjangud, Feb. 9 (KS)- A woman was killed on the spot while her husband sustained serious injuries when a crane hit the scooter they were riding in front of Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Temple at Chikkayyana Chatra on Mysuru-Ooty Highway in the taluk yesterday. The driver of the crane reportedly drove away the vehicle after the accident.

While the deceased has been identified as Savitha (52), her injured husband, who has been admitted to a hospital is Ramachandra, a retired teacher. Both were the residents of Chikkati village in Gundlupet taluk.

Ramachandra, along with Savitha, who had been to Mysuru on their Honda Activa scooter, were returning to their village.

When they were proceeding in front of Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Temple at Chikkayyana Chatra on Mysuru-Ooty Highway, a speeding crane vehicle hit the scooter from behind resulting in Savitha falling on the right side. As soon as Savitha fell, the crane ran over her killing her on the spot while her husband sustained serious injuries and rushed to a hospital.

Meanwhile, the crane driver drove away the vehicle soon after the accident, Traffic Police said.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Krishnakanth Koli and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body of Savitha to Nanjangud General Hospital.

The Sub-Inspector, speaking to *SOM*, said that the driver of the crane vehicle sped away without stopping and added that investigation is underway and the vehicle will be traced and its driver will be taken into custody soon.

A case has been registered at Nanjangud Traffic Police Station.

Staff to be held responsible for unhygienic conditions in Bus Stands

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (SPN&DM)- In a move aimed at maintaining hygiene in KSRTC Bus Stands, KSRTC Managing Director Akram Pasha has issued a circular asking the Transport Corporation's top officials to take action against staff and workers who have failed to keep the premises of Bus Stands and toilets clean.

The circular said that KSRTC has prioritised basic amenities to commuters in bus stands. There have been numerous complaints on non-maintenance of toilets and unhygienic conditions in toilets in many bus stands. It is the responsibility of the officer concerned to ensure proper maintenance of toilets and cleanliness in Bus Stand premises.

With numerous complaints of unhygienic conditions in Bus Stands across the State, the concerned officer will be held responsible for lapses in duty.

Also, the Bus Stand in-charge officers should ensure that only the displayed fee for use of toilets should be collected from the contractor. The officers are directed to issue notices to the contractor and other concerned staff and to take disciplinary action for their lapses, the circular said.

Obituary

M.V. Satish

Mysuru, Feb. 9- M.V. Satish (Cable Satish), a resident of Nazarbad, passed away following a heart attack in city yesterday. He was 55.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

M. Govindaraju

M. Govindaraju (69), retired KSRTC Officer and a resident of Mahadevapura, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Mahadevapura Burial Grounds this afternoon.

M.H. Nasir Ulla

M.H. Nasir Ulla (80), Senior Advocate and a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, behind Masjid Kousar, Mysuru, passed away following brief illness yesterday in city.

He leaves behind 2 sons, 2 daughters, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Feb. 9) after Asar prayers (5.15 pm) at Masjid Tipu in Bannimantap, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

UP Speaker's new chair has a Mysuru connect

A 7-foot-high & 4-foot-wide chair from Mysuru enhances UP Assembly's grandeur

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (BLU&BS)- The traditional Mysore-style art, which has patrons across the world, has added yet another feather to its cap.

The Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly has adorned a seven-foot-tall chair with a cushioned seat, crafted from rosewood and crowned with a canopy supported by ornate pillars. The emblem of the UP State has been affixed at the centre above the seating area.

The State emblem of Uttar Pradesh is a circular seal featuring the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna rivers at Prayagraj, flanked by a pair of Matsya (fish) representing Oudh region and topped with a bow and arrow representing Lord Ram, who was born in Ayodhya. The ornate chair reflects a shift towards more traditional, symbolic and high-quality artisan-crafted furniture in the Legislative chambers.

Khizer Ali Khan of R.K. Fine Arts and Crafts in Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru, posing for a picture in front of his creation — Uttar Pradesh (UP) Speaker's new chair.

The over seven-foot-high and about four-foot-wide chair will replace the existing ones. "It matches the grandeur of the Assembly better. The 403-member UP Assembly is the biggest among those of other States. There has to be grandeur and aura of Constitutional institutions," a senior official from UP said.

Hands behind the chair

Khizer Ali Khan of R.K. Fine Arts and Crafts in Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru, is the deft hand behind this artistic wooden chair.

Significantly, the specially crafted Speaker's Chair of the Karnataka State Legislative Assembly at Vidhana Soudha served as the inspiration for this latest creation. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Khan said, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association had organised the All-India Speakers' Conference in Bengaluru from Sept. 8 to 10, 2025.

Satish Mahana, Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, who attended the Conference, was impressed by the intricate design of the Assembly Speaker's Chair at Vidhana Soudha and expressed his desire to have a similar chair for UP Assembly Hall to that of Karnataka Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader.

Following this, Khader recommended that the Forest Department pursue the matter, and the task of carving the chair was eventually entrusted to Khan.

"U.T. Khader is the reason this work became a reality," Khan said humbly, expressing his gratitude for the recognition of his capability.

A 12-member team of artisans worked day and night for three-and-a-half months to sculpt the structure. Khan also has to his credit the carving of the wooden structure at the main entrance of Karnataka State Legislative Assembly, Buddha Vihar at Kalaburagi, Speaker's Chair at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi and several other handicrafts.

SBM Manju appointed JD(S) City President

Ex-Corporator SBM Manju receiving appointment letter from State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy as State JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy and ex-Minister Bandeppa Kashempur look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (DM)- SBM Manju, former Corporator of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Gokulam-Brindavan Extension Ward, has been appointed as the new President of Mysuru City JD(S) unit.

Manju received the appointment letter from JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is also the Union Minister, at J.P. Bhavan, the party State Headquarters in Bengaluru, recently, in the presence of State JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, former Minister Bandeppa Kashempur and other party leaders.

SBM Manju, who began his political career in his student days from the JD(S), went on to become the President of the party's City Youth Wing.

He later served as the Working President of City JD(S) and was elected twice as Corporator, once from Vontikoppal-V.V.Mohalla Ward and the second time from Gokulam-Brindavan Extension Ward.

Speaking after his appointment, Manju said, he has served the JD(S) for 32 years. Pointing out that the Party has appointed him as Mysuru City President in consideration of his service to the party, he said that his appointment has increased his responsibility. "I will consult all senior leaders and workers for organising the party in the best manner possible," he noted.

Financial aid distributed to cancer patients

Rev. Fr. Tenny Kurian, Director, ODP, watering a sapling to inaugurate World Cancer Day event at ODP premises recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (GA&DM)- As part of World Cancer Day, the city based ODP (Organisation for the Development of People), in association with Sanghamithra organisation, distributed financial assistance to 80 cancer patients at a programme organised in ODP premises on Feb. 4.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. P. Pradeep, Surgical Oncologist, Narayana Health Hospital, adviced cancer patients not to be scared of the disease and at the same time not to be ignorant.

Noting that an alarming 3 crore people in the world are getting affected by cancer every year, he expressed concern that the fast pace which the deadly disease is catching up across the globe is very alarming.

The theme of the World Cancer Day this year is 'United by Unique,' placing people at the centre of care and their stories at the heart of the conversation, he added.

Rev. Fr. Tenny Kurian, Director, ODP, who spoke after distributing the cheque, said as many as 80 cancer patients have been collectively given Rs. 7.17 lakh as financial support, with help from donors. He thanked Sanghamithra organisation and the donors for their generosity.

S. Mahadevaswamy, Regional Manager (Mysuru), Sanghamithra, Rev. Fr. John Fernandis, Asst. Director, ODP, Staney Lobo, Vice-President, Konkani Christian Assn., Mysuru, Rathna, Convenor and others were present.

Ranji Trophy Elite Quarterfinals 2025-26

City's Kruthik Krishna impresses with glovework against Mumbai

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (VNS)- Mysuru-lad Kruthik Krishna created a record behind the stumps on third-day of the ongoing Ranji Trophy quarterfinals against Mumbai at BKC Grounds in Mumbai yesterday.

Kruthik, who made his debut against Punjab this season, impressed with seven dismissals in the second innings against Mumbai in the all-important match.

A native of Mandya, popularly known as Sugar Town for its sugarcane cultivation, Kruthik Krishna started to play cricket when he was in Class 3 at 7 Hills Cricket Academy in the town, under the guidance of his Coach M. Mahadev.

A file photo of Kruthik Krishna with K.L. Rahul at PCA Stadium in Mohali, Punjab.

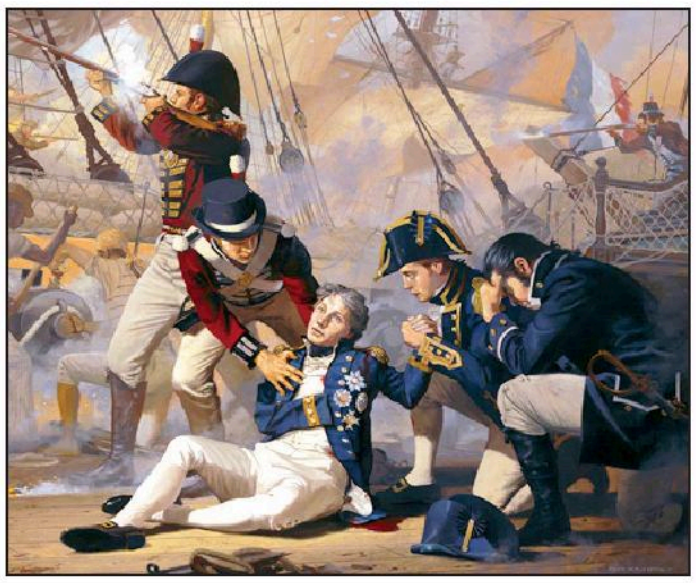
Later, for better opportunities, he shifted to Mysuru and started to play for Rao Bahadur Narasappa Cricket Club (RBNCC) 'A' team in KSCA Mysuru Zonal League matches, which he still continues. He also plays for Vultures Cricket Team in Bengaluru League.

He was also among 10 budding wicket-keepers identified by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for specialist camp held in 2018.

FLEETING THOUGHTS

If only all wars were fought on water

By Ashvini Ranjan



Our cruise ship set sail from Corsica, the rugged and beautiful island that gave the world Napoleon Bonaparte. As the coastline slowly receded, I sat on the balcony of my cabin, gazing at the vast expanse of the Mediterranean Sea. The rhythmic sound of waves brushing against the hull had a strangely meditative quality.

My thoughts drifted to the great naval battles that had once churned these very waters. Battles that decided the fate of empires. I also reflected on the extraordinary journey of a man who rose from a narrow, unremarkable lane in Corsica to become Emperor of the French.

Having just visited Corsica, my mind returned to the Battle of Trafalgar, a decisive turning point in European history. In 1805, off the coast of Spain, Admiral Lord Nelson confronted Napoleon's combined French and Spanish fleets.

Against formidable odds, Nelson's bold strategy and tactical brilliance secured a resounding victory for Britain. Trafalgar shattered Napoleon's ambitions of invading England and established British naval dominance for generations, reshaping the course of world history.

Though Lord Nelson had won one of the greatest sea battles ever fought against Napoleon Bonaparte, he was shot dead by a sharp shooter. It is an irony that Nelson did not live to celebrate the famous victory.

As I looked out over the calm, shimmering sea, I could not help but marvel at its serenity. Beneath those tranquil blue depths lie the silent remnants of countless naval conflicts, sunken ships, rusted cannons and the bones of brave sailors, now mute witnesses to history.

Yet on the surface, there was no trace of the bloodshed or destruction that once took place. The sea, in its vastness, had absorbed the violence and healed its wounds.

Wars fought on land, by contrast, leave behind scars that endure. Battlefields become permanent memorials of suffering. Cities reduced to rubble take decades, sometimes generations, to rebuild. Even when reconstruction is complete, the emotional and psychological debris of war continues to haunt survivors and nations alike. Monuments erected with the solemn words "Lest We Forget" often keep wounds open, serving as constant reminders of division rather than bridges to reconciliation.

As I reflected, an intriguing thought crossed my mind: what if all wars in history had been fought on water? If the seas alone had borne the fury of mankind, the physical evidence of conflict would eventually have sunk to the ocean floor. 'Out of sight and perhaps, gradually out of mind.' There would be no bombed cities, no charred villages, no battlefields to stand upon and rekindle bitterness. Without visible symbols of victory and defeat, perhaps the human heart would have found it easier to forgive.

How fortunate we are that nature, in her wisdom, has veiled the depths of the oceans from easy human access. What lies beneath remains largely untouched, secrets well kept. Perhaps this is nature's own way of ensuring that bygones remain bygones, that the wreckage of arrogance, pain and sorrow rests undisturbed in eternal silence. Beneath tranquil waters, history sleeps. The scars of war dissolve, unseen, on the ocean floor.

It was with a similar wisdom and foresight that Barack Obama, former President of the United States, chose to consign the body of Osama bin Laden to the sea. A man who had remained elusive for decades, and who orchestrated a devastating attack on the very heart of America, was denied a grave that could become a shrine.

The decision was deliberate: To let the waters absorb his memory, to prevent his burial place from becoming a symbol of hatred or a rallying point for revenge. In that moment, modern statesmanship aligned with ancient natural wisdom, entrusting to the sea what the world needed to forget.

The sea offers us an enduring lesson: Peace becomes possible only when we allow the past to sink beneath the surface of memory, instead of letting it rise again and again to trouble the present.

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Ranji Trophy Elite Quarterfinals

K.L. Rahul's ton guides Karnataka to outclass Mumbai

Mumbai, Feb. 9- **K.L. Rahul's** fine form in red ball cricket continued as he scored his 24th first class cricket in quarterfinals of Ranji Trophy at BKC Stadium in Mumbai this morning guiding Karnataka to outclass Mumbai by four wickets to enter the semi-finals of Ranji Trophy 2025-26 season.

Rahul, who joined Karnataka team after finding no place in India T20 Men's World Cup team, came back strongly in the second innings scoring 130 runs [182 balls, 14 (4s) 1 (6s)] after falling for just 28 runs in the first innings. Karnataka was ably helped by R. Smaran who stood at crease till the last to ensure the team crossed the finishing line scoring an unbeaten 83 runs.

Chasing a target of 325 runs in the second innings, Karnataka lost Mayank Agarwal early in the third over yesterday with just 12 runs on the scoreboard. However, Rahul, along with skipper Devdutt Padikkal, put on an 84-run partnership for the third wicket to steady the innings before Padikkal was dismissed in the 20th over with 96 on the scoreboard. Karun Nair also failed to score as he was dismissed for a paltry 13 runs.

However, Smaran who joined Rahul at the crease at the score of 119 runs, put on an all-important 147-run partnership for 5th wicket which helped Karnataka to stamp their authority on the match. Though Karnataka lost three quick wickets post lunch, Smaran along with Vidyadhar Patil (31 not out) put on a unbroken 40-run partnership for 7th wicket to guide Karnataka past the victory mark. K.L. Rahul was declared the Man of the Match for his match-winning knock of 130 runs of 182 balls.

Inferno at Scrap Hub

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According to the Police, the fire broke out in a cluster comprising nearly 30 to 40 godowns storing scrap, furniture and other household items. A similar blaze had occurred at the same location two years ago, damaging several godowns.

Three fire tenders from Bannimantap Fire Station rushed to the spot and battled the flames for more than three hours. However, the fire spread rapidly, enveloping the area in thick smoke.

Copper extraction activity

Narasimharaja Police Station In-Charge Inspector Kumar and his team visited the scene. "When a fire had broken out at the same place two years ago, godown owners, tenants and lessees were warned against storing inflammable materials and were asked to take adequate fire safety measures. We will investigate the exact cause of the incident and whether safety precautions were followed," he said.

Residents and other godown owners suspect that embers from plastic wires burnt overnight may have triggered the blaze or that copper extraction activity led to the fire.

They said nearly four tonnes of wire arrive daily from Kerala and workers often burn the wires to extract copper, despite repeated warnings from residents to avoid using fire.

Officials from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), along with the Police and Fire and Emergency Services personnel, have inspected the spot and are probing the cause of the fire. A case has been registered at the Narasimharaja Police Station.

Housing sites

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On the response from farmers and landowners, the Commissioner said about 200 farmers owning nearly 800 acres have already submitted consent letters to part with their land under the 50:50 scheme.

"We also have around 400 acres of Government land and our target is to form Phase-I over 1,200 acres," he added.

Rakshith noted that more than 70,000 to 80,000 applicants who had earlier applied for MDA sites have been waiting for nearly 35 years and many of them have passed away.

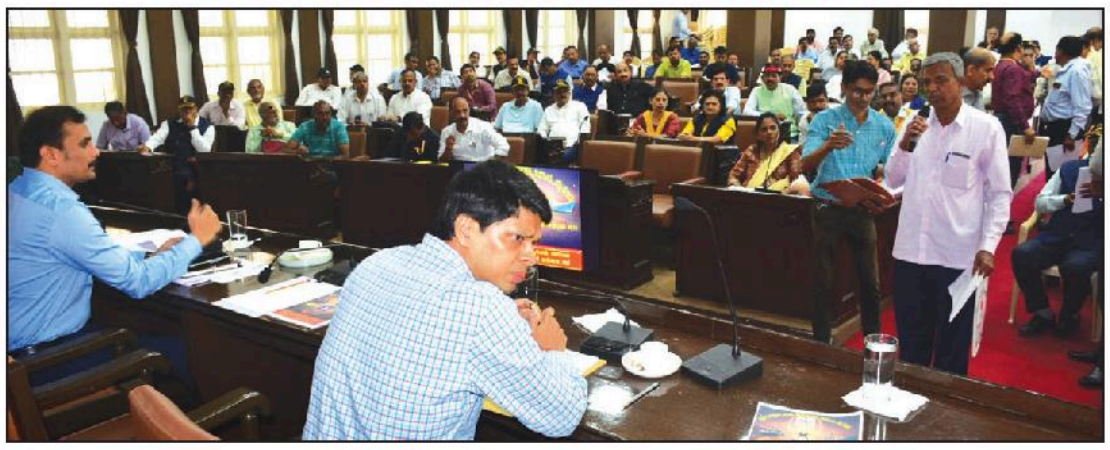
"We will re-scrutinise the applications, filter eligible applicants and contact them to confirm whether they still require sites. The process will be carried out as per procedure," he said.

What tourists see... ...What Mysureans suffer

At a time when Mysuru, led by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), is gearing up for the Swachh Survekshan Survey 2025-2026 with initiatives such as marathons, cleanliness-themed wall graffiti and debates on maintaining hygienic surroundings, waste continues to be dumped on streets and set on fire, undermining every effort to regain the lost clean city ranking. This morning's photographs capture the contrast. While walls near Dandina Maramma Temple on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road behind St. Philomena's College are adorned with cleanliness messages, waste, including plastic, is being burnt at Bannimantap.

Ex-servicemen seek land, faster grievance redressal

Site allotments, healthcare, property disputes dominate ex-servicemen meet



Mysuru, Feb. 9 (BLU&DM)- Many ex-servicemen aired their grievances at a meeting held at the Zilla Panchayat Hall this morning.

Advocate G.S. Shivaswamy, who provides free legal advice to ex-servicemen, said, Advocates have been appointed as Counsels to argue on behalf of ex-servicemen at the District and Taluk-level Legal Services Authorities, headed by the Principal District and Sessions Court Judge.

He noted that disputes over ownership of family properties are the most common cases brought before the Authority and stressed that such matters must be addressed fairly.

Sainik Welfare Board meeting

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) P. Shivaraju said, Government officials should resolve all individual and administrative issues concerning ex-servicemen.

"I will respond to the problems of anyone or any organisation that comes forward with grievances. Steps will also be taken to ensure that the Sainik Welfare Board holds meetings at least once a month, during which any ex-serviceman or their family members can present their grievances," he said.

Some ex-servicemen pointed out that they can currently avail free or subsidised treatment at only two major hospitals, including JSS Hospital. They urged the administration to include other major hospitals such as Manipal, Apollo BGS Hospitals and Narayana Hrudayalaya in the service network.

Responding to the demand, Shivaraju said, the District Administration is following up on the matter with the hospitals.

2,000 ex-servicemen in Mysuru

Noting that around 2,000 ex-servicemen reside in Mysuru, they demanded that land or sites be allotted to them at their present place of residence, even if their address has changed since retirement. In response, the ADC said that the Government would need to bring in Legislation to address the issue.

Chandrambike, a member of an ex-serviceman's family, complained that although late ex-serviceman Shivaswamy had written a Will in favour of his daughter, the Government is yet to issue a 'Pouthi Khata' for the land.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy directed officials to issue the requested 'Pouthi Khata.'

Ex-serviceman Nanaiah said that although land had been allotted to him by the Government, others who had built houses on it were preventing him from claiming ownership.

Another ex-serviceman, Rajashekar, said, he has been living in a rented house for a long time and that his wait for a site seems endless. Citing his age, he appealed to the authorities to allot him a site at the earliest, as per rules.

More than 200 ex-servicemen and their family members from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts attended the meeting. Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Commissioner K.R. Rakshith and other officials were present.

'Sri Somnatha Divya Darshana' begins

'Ishwariya Award' conferred on noted danseuse, writer

Noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and writer K.C. Shivappa were conferred with 'Ishwariya Award' during the inauguration of 'Sri Somnatha Divya Darshana' event at the ground opposite BVB Mysuru Kendra in Vijayanagar First Stage yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (VVH&DM)- The 15-day 'Sri Somnatha Divya Darshana,' organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya as part of its 90th anniversary and Mahashivarathri celebrations, began at the ground opposite Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, in Vijayanagar First Stage here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, K.R. Nagar MLA D. Ravishankar said that everyone is faced with one stress or the other in their life. Such events will help in relieving stress. The Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya is engaged in organising such social events and has been involved in spreading peace across the world, he said and called upon everyone to visit this 15-day festival.

The 'Sri Somnatha Divya Darshana' features a ditto replica of Gujarat's famed Somnath Temple, in which the visitors can have a view of all the 12 Jyotirlingas arranged together. Also, the exhibit featuring Navadurgas are mesmerising for the visitors. The venue also has picturesque models explaining the journey of the Vishwa Vidyalaya, its spiritual context, awareness against drug abuse, Mind Spa, Pictorial Expo on harmonious living, meditation camp etc.

Kengeri Vishwa Vokklaiga Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Nischalanandanatha Swamiji, MLA D. Ravishankar, former Karnataka Advocate General Ashok Harnahalli, Adichunchanagiri University Registrar Dr. C.K. Subraya, singer Amulya, Rajayoga teacher Shivaleela, Ramchandra Rao, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya Mysuru Sub-Zone Chief Coordinator Rajayogini Dr. BK Lakshmiji, Vishwa Vidyalaya Principal BK Ranganathji and others were present.

Writer K.C. Shivappa and noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy were conferred with 'Ishwariya Award' on the occasion.

The 'Divya Darshana' will be open for public on all days from 8 am to 9 pm till Feb. 22.

‘Ayamotsava’ celebrates music, dance & theatre

The students of Ayama - Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru, presenting a dance performance on Day-1 of ‘Ayamotsava - Music, Dance and Theatre Festival’ at Kalamandira in city on Feb. 7.

Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Mysuru Amateur Theatre Association President H. Rajesh and Ayama Academy Founder-Director Vidushi Dr. S.V. Shambhavi Swamy, seen during inauguration of ‘Ayamotsava’ at Kalamandira in city on Feb. 7.

Ayama Academy President S.V.R. Swamy, Retired Professor of University of Mysore Prof. Kalachannegowda and theatre and film actor Bala Rajwadi are seen during Day-2 of ‘Ayamotsava’ on Feb. 8.

Mysuru, Feb. 9- A two-day ‘Ayamotsava - Music, Dance and Theatre Festival’ was organised by Ayama - Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru, at Kalamandira in city on Feb. 7 and 8.

Inaugurating the programme, V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Department of Kannada & Culture, congratulated Vidushi Dr. S.V. Shambhavi Swamy and the Ayama Academy for creating a supportive environment for the cultural growth of children through music, dance, theatre and literature in today’s mobile-phone-driven era.

He said that such child-centric activities are not only beneficial for children but also serve as an inspiration to society at large. He expressed his hope that through these art forms, a cultured society rooted in peace, patience and coexistence would be nurtured.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada & Culture, expressed concern that the present education system places unnecessary pressure on children, thereby limiting opportunities for the development of their natural interests and personalities.

He emphasised that children should be allowed to grow naturally like plants, rather than being confined within the framework of adult expectations. Creating a supportive environment for children’s holistic development is the collective responsibility of everyone, he said.

Earlier, Dr. Shambhavi Swamy, Founder-Director, Ayama Academy, welcomed. The programme was attended H. Rajesh, President, Mysuru Amateur Theatre Association, Niranthara’s Srinivas Palahalli, Dharmaraj Elladakere, Ravikumar, S.V.R. Swamy, along with parents of the children and art lovers.

At the conclusion of the event, children presented patriotic songs and dance performances, captivating the audience with their artistic talent.

Day-2: Prof. Kalachannegowda, Retired Professor, University of Mysore, was the chief guest on Day-2 of the Fest on Feb. 8.

Explaining the evolution of human life, Prof. Kalachannegowda said that from the time humans lived as nomads to the stage of settling down and learning agriculture, they gradually turned their attention towards art, music and dance. From tribal societies to modern civilisation, various art forms have evolved, with musical instruments differing according to regions. After satisfying basic needs such as hunger, entertainment has always played a vital role in human life, he noted.

Speaking on the occasion, Bala Rajwadi, theatre and film actor, expressed concern that commitment among today’s youth is declining. In the mobile-phone-driven era, young people are drifting like kites without strings, he said, adding that art can play a significant role in guiding them onto the right path.

In her introductory address, Dr. Shambhavi Swamy spoke about the journey and growth of Ayama Academy.

The programme was attended by Ayama Academy President S.V.R. Swamy, Member Lakshmamma, Niranthara’s Srinivasa Palalli, parents and hundreds of art lovers.

At the conclusion of the programme, students of Ayama Academy presented a dance-drama titled ‘Janani,’ directed by Dr. Shambhavi Swamy, which received an overwhelming response from the audience.

The students of Ayama - Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru, performing on Day-2 of ‘Ayamotsava’ on Feb. 8.

Rotary Ivory-Meenakshi Scholarship awarded to meritorious girl students

Mysuru, Feb. 9- The first 'Rotary Ivory-Meenakshi Scholarship for Girls' was distributed to 12 meritorious girl students from various schools at an award ceremony at the National Institute of Engineering (NIE) recently.

Dr. M.S. Ranganath, President, National Institute of Engineering and Gouri Satya, Senior Journalist and *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Columnist, presented Rs. 1.75 lakh scholarships to girls who belonged to economically weaker section.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ranganath, who was the chief guest, emphasised that educated girls build stronger families, communities and economies.

He urged the recipients to use the opportunity to carve out a bright future and fulfill their professional aspirations.

Gouri Satya, who was the guest of honour, recalled how his forefathers had served the cause of education, working as teachers and also served the community, which stands as one of the four principles of the Rotary movement.

He further said that by providing financial assistance to education, Rotary Ivory City Mysuru is not just supporting individual students but is investing in their future.

The 'Rotary Ivory-Meenakshi Scholarship for Girls' has been instituted by Prof. G. L. Shekar, a member of the Rotary Ivory City and former Principal of NIE and his wife Dr. Asha Shekar, Professor in JSS Medical College.

Prof. Shekar explained the objective of the endowment and remembered how his mother, Meenakshamma, was an inspiration in his life. The Club honoured Prof. Shekar and Dr. Asha Shekar for their gesture in helping financially weaker girls to continue their studies.

Girl students from Sarada Vilas PU College, Vijaya Vittala School, Satya Sai Baba PU College, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering and Maharaja Institute of Technology were awarded the scholarships.

Club President Rtn. Keshav B. Kanchan presided. Secretary Rtn. M. K. Mukesh proposed a vote of thanks.

Family members of Meenakshamma and G. L. Swamy, including G. Subbanarasimha, M.S. Lakshmana Rao and Jayanthi were present along with NIE Hon. Secretary S.B. Uday Shankar, NIE Principal Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Librarian Harish, SVEI Principals Dr. M. Devika and Ashok Kumar, senior Rotarians Sunil Baliga, Dr. M.K. Sachidanandan and R. Narasimha. Rtns. Thenmozhi Perumal, Pooja Baliga and Jyothi Mukesh conducted the award ceremony.

Anti-drug awareness drive by Youth Congress

Mysuru, Feb. 9 (KS) - The 10-day Tanveer Sait Cup leather ball cricket tournament organised by Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress (KPYC) and Mysuru District Youth Congress, under the leadership of KPYC State Secretary Abrar Mohammed to create awareness on the ill-effects of drugs concluded with city's Excellent Warriors team lifting the Cup. The tournament was inaugurated by MLA Tanveer Sait at Idgah Maidan in Rajivnagar.

Speaking after presenting the Cup to the winning team at Shams Function Hall in city, H.S. Manjunath, State President of the Youth Congress, said the Youth Congress' initiative to create awareness among the youth against drug abuse through sports was highly commendable.

The Police had uncovered a network involved in manufacturing drugs in Mysuru, which were reportedly being manufactured in city and sold in Mumbai. "It is our responsibility to make our youth drug-free. We must encourage young people to focus on education. Wherever education levels are low, addiction tends to be higher," he warned.

Stating that society is currently being divided on the basis of caste, religion and culture, he advised youths to remain alert and cautious about such divisions.

Manjunath lauded Abrar Mohammed for the overwhelming success of the tournament.

Nigam Bhandari, National General Secretary of the Youth Congress and in-charge of Karnataka, also spoke.

Former Leader of the Opposition in Mysuru City Corporation K.C. Shaukat Pasha said that preventing the sale, consumption and production of drugs is not just the responsibility of the Police. Citizens must join hands with the Police to curb drug trafficking.

"Keeping in mind the youth of Mysuru who are falling victim to drugs, the Youth Congress organised the Tanveer Sait Cup Cricket under the guidance of MLA Tanveer Sait to create awareness against drug abuse. Through this, young people have become aware of the dangers caused by drug consumption. We thank everyone who cooperated in making this tournament a success," said Abrar Mohammed.

Deepak Gowda, State President of Youth Congress Media Cell; Bahubali, State General Secretary (Administration); Deepak Shivanna, State General Secretary; Naufal Ahmed, Vice-President of Mysuru City Youth Congress; Syed Rizwan, Vice-President of NR Constituency; youth leader Majid Hidayath Khan and Firoz Khan, Vice-President of Devaraj Block Youth Congress; Aleem Pasha, Vice-President of Sahukar Chennaiah Block; Mallesh Malla, Vice-President of KR Constituency and others were present.

Association of Alliance International hosts District Convention 'Jayadratha'

Mysuru, Feb. 9- The Association of Alliance International District 255(D) hosted its 2nd District Convention 'Jayadratha' at Kalyani Hotel in Hebbal recently, bringing together over 500 delegates and organisation leaders to celebrate a year of unprecedented growth and service.

The convention was inaugurated by the Founder of Association of Alliance International, Ally Tirupati Raju, who was accompanied by his spouse. In his keynote address, Ally Tirupati Raju expressed immense pride in the organisation's trajectory, noting that the Karnataka Chapter has achieved "monumental growth" in a short span of just two years.

International Director Ally Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy echoed this sentiment, revealing that a movement that began with a modest group of 75 members has now surged to over 3,500 members across Mysuru, Bengaluru, Mandya and neighbouring districts.

A central highlight of the convention was the recognition of Ally Lion Dr. S. Venkatesh for his visionary leadership as District Governor. Speakers noted that under his tenure, the District saw a record-breaking emergence of new Clubs and a significant increase in Life Membership Fund (LMF) enrolments.

The gathering also honoured the legacy and contributions of Past District Governor Siribalu.

Election & Cabinet 2026-27

The Convention served as a crucial transition point for leadership, with the official announcement of the 2026-27 Cabinet: **District-Governor Elect:** Ally Mahabaleshwar Bairy (who formally presented his incoming cabinet). **First Vice-District Governor:** Ally Santosh Kumar. **Second Vice-District Governor:** Ally Gangadharappa. **Third Vice-District Governor:** Ally Shalini Nagaraj.

The event was attended by a host of distinguished leaders, including Ally K.M. Muniyappa (International Committee Chairman); Ally Bettegowda (District Cabinet Secretary), Ally Krishnaji Rao (Treasurer), Ally Srishaila (PRO), Ally Ganesh (Ambassador) and Regional Chairpersons Shobha Siribalu, Dr. Raju and Dr. Raveesh.

The session concluded with felicitation to Founder Tirupati Raju and his wife Nirmala.

T20 ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026

TODAY'S MATCH [FEB. 9]

South Africa Vs **Canada**
Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
Time: 7 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES [FEB. 10]

Netherlands Vs **Namibia**
Venue: Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi
Time: 11 am

New Zealand Vs **UAE**
Venue: M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
Time: 3 pm

Pakistan Vs **USA**
Venue: Sinhalese Sports Club, Colombo
Time: 7 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS [FEB. 8]

Sri Lanka 163/9 (20 overs)
BEAT
Ireland 143 all out (19.5 overs)

England 184/7 (20 overs)
BEAT
Nepal 180/6 (20 overs)

Afghanistan 182/6 (20 overs)
LOST TO
New Zealand 183/5 (17.5 overs)

Catch the live action on Star Sports Network and JioHotstar

WORD OF THE DAY

Imbue

Pronunciation: im-BYOO (Verb)
Meaning: Imbue has two common meanings: "to permeate or influence as if by dyeing" and "to provide with something freely or naturally." In the second use, it is usually used with with.
Origin: Like its synonym infuse, imbue implies the introduction of one thing into another so as to affect it throughout. Someone's voice can be imbued with pride, for example, or a photograph might be imbued with a sense of melancholy. In the past imbue was also used synonymously with imbrue, an obscure word meaning "to drench or stain," but the two words are likely unrelated. Imbue comes from the Latin verb imbuere, meaning "to dye, wet, or moisten," while imbrue has been traced back through Anglo-French and Old French to the Latin verb bibere, meaning "to drink."
Example: "Aged cachaça, like fine whiskey, derives its complexity from the barrels it's matured in. There are dozens of different Brazilian woods cachaça can be aged in, and each imbues the spirit with its distinct flavor, resulting in varieties that are more floral or herbal, nutty or woody, savory or spiced." —Rebekah Peppler, The New York Times, 5 Dec. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Jacu

Large South American game bird.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In Over Your Head

Meaning: The phrase 'In Over Your Head' is used when one is too deeply involved with something or someone, or has more difficulties or problems than one can manage. You can use the expression 'In over Your Head' to advise someone he needs help.
Origin: Most of us have been in over our heads at some point. It makes sense that the origin of 'in over your head' can be found in antiquity; it is believed to have been first used sometime during the 1600s. As few average Europeans could swim during this period, being in water deeper than one's head was to be in serious trouble.
Example: "Go ahead and lead the meeting today; I'll help you out if you get in over your head."

QUOTE BOX

The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity. **—Leo Tolstoy**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Stand Up Comedy.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	9	6	7	8	5	4	3
3	5	7	9	1	4	2	6	8
6	8	4	2	3	5	9	1	7
5	4	1	3	2	9	8	7	6
7	6	2	4	8	1	3	9	5
8	9	3	7	5	6	1	2	4
2	3	8	1	6	7	4	5	9
9	7	5	8	4	2	6	3	1
4	1	6	5	9	3	7	8	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Decay or decompose
4 Automated online program
7 Petname for Florence
10 Continental coin
11 Inlet for "air" change !
12 Strong cord
14 British Prime Minister 1874-1880
16 Laboratory gel
17 Rock musician Brian
18 Karl Marx's ___ Kapital
19 Intestinal bacteria (1,4)
20 Not divisible by two
21 Table scrap
22 Bar
24 Pertaining to languages
28 Conversational stopgaps
29 Type of an axe used by mountaineers to cut steps
30 Beam of sunlight
31 Word of opposite meaning
33 Before
34 French island
35 Uncertainties
37 Former Aussie leg spinner Shane ___
40 Music director Malik
41 Soc. of Automotive Engineers
44 Space on the ground
45 Grieving
47 The main point
48 Tolkien's tree like creature
49 Eight as a prefix
50 Took food
51 This supports a golf-ball
52 Attachment for snow sport, etc

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

J	O	E	L	■	P	F	D	■	E	R	N	O
I	M	P	S	■	A	R	E	■	Q	U	I	D
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S	I	T	■	O	R	G	A	N	I	S	E	R
■	■	H	I	D	■	■	R	E	P	■	■	■
S	T	E	V	E	D	O	R	E	■	A	S	A
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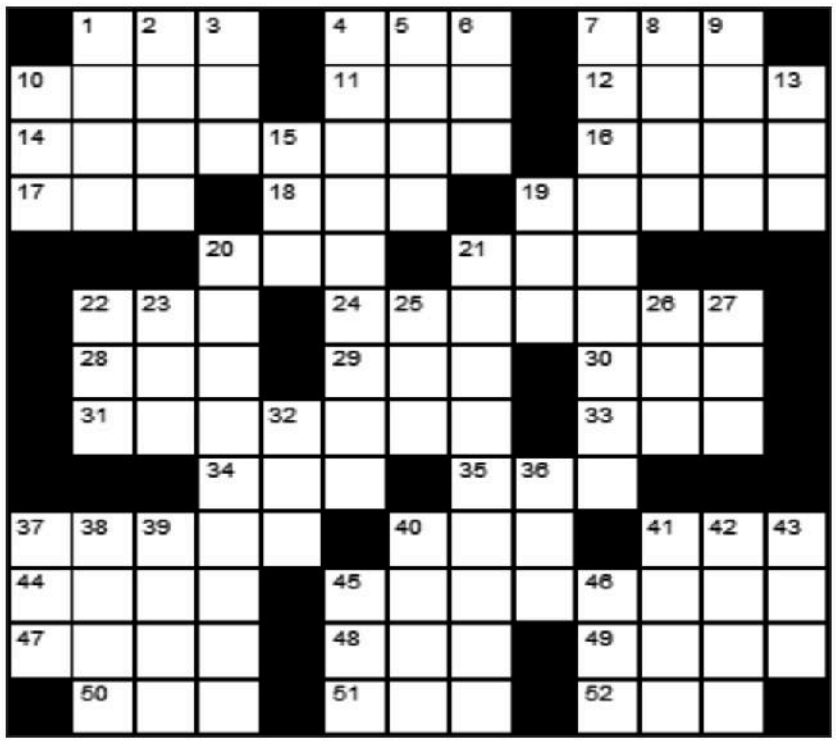
I	T	E	M	■	I	S	T	■	K	N	O	T
R	O	E	S	■	C	H	E	■	A	G	R	A

DOWN

1 Devastation
2 Approximately (2,2)
3 Rocky height
4 Yardstick of poverty
5 Lubricates
6 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
7 Cracks or breaks
8 Company emblem
9 Milky white gem
10 Dutch commune
13 Gad's son ?
15 Total together?
19 Unit of energy
20 Stubborn
21 It comprises of sixty seconds (3,6)
22 Pulse vegetable
23 "Run" around to get a jar?
25 Freezing
26 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
27 Cleaning agent
32 Spanish cheer
36 Soft hair of some animals
37 Shake or wave to and fro
38 A song from an opera
39 Take it easy or relax
40 Top-notch (1-3)
41 Needing a pill, perhaps
42 Not in favour of
43 Self-esteem
45 Bumped into
46 Rejections



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BWDTXBY YXEQU WBQ FQIUWB UW LJHT

KVEKBDKYQ WEQI KBWDTQI KU DW IQLKXB HWWP

KBV JBIJCCPQV JBVQI KPP HXIHJLUDKBHQU.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

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Gharga (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
Scarlet (Japanese)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7 pm
Euphoria (Te)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
With Love (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Karikaada (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
JC: The University (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm; (S-3) 1 pm
Aashaan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Bayakegalu Beruridaaga (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Anomie (Ma)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Aashakal Aayiram (Ma)	(S-3)	10.25 pm
Katle (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.45 pm

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JC: The University (K)	:	10.40 am, 4.40 pm, 6.25 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.45 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Katle (K)	:	10.55 am
Gharga (K)	:	1.30 pm
Landlord (K)	:	1.45 pm, 7.45 pm
Euphoria (Te)	:	3.50 pm
Karikaada (Ta)	:	6.50 pm
Aashaan (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Amruthaanjan (K)	:	10 am, 4.05 pm
With Love (Ta)	:	10.35 am, 4.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Scarlet (Japanese)	:	10.45 am, 7.50 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11 am, 4.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Landlord (K)	:	11.35 am, 6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
JC: The University (K)	:	12.35 pm, 6.55 pm
Karikaada (K)	:	1.10 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	1.30 pm, 3.50 pm
Gharga (K)	:	1.40 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	2.50 pm, 10 pm
Devdas (H)	:	4.15 pm
Non Veg (K)	:	7.15 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	7.45 pm
Aashaan (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

JC: The University (K)	:	9.55 am, 4.15 pm
With Love (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	10.55 am, 1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	12.15 pm
Euphoria (Te)	:	1 pm, 7.05 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	3 pm, 9.30 pm
Gharga (K)	:	4.30 pm
Ashakal Aayiram (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	10.10 pm
Anomie (Ma)	:	10.25 pm

Neurodiversity: 'Family plays key role in effective care'

Mysuru, Feb. 9- Stressing that families are the cornerstone of effective care for neurodiverse children, Prof. Thomas Kishore, researcher and Clinical Psychologist from National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, inaugurated a two-day RCI-CRE National Workshop at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, recently.

Speaking after inaugurating the workshop on "Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Evidence-Based Intervention of Neurodiverse Population," organised by AIISH at its Naimisham Campus, Prof. Kishore highlighted the growing evidence supporting parent-mediated interventions as a sustainable and impactful approach in managing Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDDs) such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

Prof. Kishore emphasised that intervention strategies must be family-centred, focusing equally on child training and parental well-being. Early identification of parental distress, he said, is critical, as parents and extended family members inevitably become the primary support system for children with NDDs.

Explaining the concept of neurodiversity, he noted that variations in thinking, learning and behaviour should be recognised as natural human differences rather than deficits. He observed that parent-mediated interventions have proven effective even in resource-constrained settings and often lead to positive transformations within families, including enhanced sensitivity, resilience and a more optimistic outlook on life.

Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, underscored the importance of early identification of neurodiverse populations and the adoption of evidence-based, multidisciplinary practices to achieve meaningful outcomes.

Programme Coordinator Dr. Jayashree C. Shanbal, HoD of Speech-Language Pathology and Chairperson of ASD Unit, said the workshop bridged the gap between research and clinical practice.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 9)

- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple at the ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **up to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Shivaleela, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, on 'Kutumbadalli Moulyagalu,' **6.15 pm to 6.45 pm;** Lecture by Life Coach and Trainer from Mysuru Mukundan Guruji on 'Manassina Shaktiya Rahasyagalu,' **7 pm to 8 pm;** Cultural programme - Kuchipudi by Shivani, Kannur, Kerala, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Maharatna Trust, Mysuru:** Inauguration of free workshop on folk songs, bhavageete, devotional and theatre songs; Senior folk scholar Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy inaugurates, Trust Hon. President C.V. Parthasarathy presides, noted Sugama Sangeetha singer & Trust Founder-President Mysore Mahalinga M. Lakshmipura will be present, Basava Samiti, next to Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar, **3 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 10)

- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple at the ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 am to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Veena, Gayathripuram, Mysuru, on 'Dhyanavemba Oushada,' **6.15 pm to 6.45 pm;** Lecture by M.V. Amarnath of Bharat Scouts and Guides on 'Jeevana Moulyagalu,' **7 pm to 8 pm;** Cultural programme - Folk songs by Dr. Amma Ramachandra, Mysuru, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP):** Safer Internet Day celebrations (Theme: 'Smart Tech, Safe Choices'), District-level Workshop, ZP premises, **10.30 am to 12 noon.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Border 2 (H)	:	10.50 am, 9.15 pm
JC: The University (K)	:	11.15 am, 5.45 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11.15 am, 1.55 pm, 7.30 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	11.55 am, 2.30 pm, 6.20 pm
Landlord (K)	:	2.45 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm
Euphoria (Te)	:	3.05 pm
With Love (Ta)	:	4.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Non Veg (K)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Sukhibavaa (K)	:	11.35 am
Border 2 (H)	:	12.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Gharga (K)	:	1.45 pm
Katle (K)	:	2.35 pm
Aashaan (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
With Love (Ta)	:	4 pm
Shivaleela (K)	:	4.20 pm
Non Veg (K)	:	5.25 pm
Ashakal Aayiram (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Karikaada (K)	:	7.25 pm
Bayakegalu Berooridaga (K)	:	7.40 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Anomie: The Equation of Death (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Euphoria (Te)	:	10.20 pm

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